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VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: Public Records Request dated June 28, 2020

Ms. Lipton,

By way of introduction, my name is Rick Tast. I am an Assistant City Attorney with the City of Lincoln Law Department and am tasked with handling Public Records Requests. Be advised your Public Records Request dated June 28, 2020 for:

Materials related to and sufficient to show all instances of alleged or actual inappropriate or illegal behavior or actions resulting in compensation or expenditures involving this agency.

Responsive materials include records of all settlements (formal and informal) and payments to which this agency was or is a party for the period from January 1, 2010 through the date this request is processed. Responsive materials include those for matters and legal claims resolved prior to the initiation of any litigation.

In particular, materials responsive to this request include all reports, lists, databases, spreadsheets, and other documentation detailing incidents of legal claims or other allegations requiring compensation for claimants, attorneys, or any other party.

has been received by our office. Your entire records request cannot be fulfilled within four business days after the actual request.

Specifically, your request as written involves multiple departments including: the City of Lincoln Police Department; The City of Lincoln Human Resources Department; and the City of Lincoln Law Department; and, could encompass a significant number of responsive documents. Additionally, the City of Lincoln has recently received an increased number of public records request, and have had to allocate staff to respond to the COVID-19 Emergency. Due to the current workload of the respective departments involved with the production and review of documents responsive to your request, the earliest practicable date for fulfillment will be the end of business on Tuesday July 28, 2020.

If you believe any records have been unlawfully withheld, please consult NEB. REV. STAT. § 84-712.03 to determine your right to seek administrative and/or judicial review of this office's determination.

Should you have questions or wish to discuss this matter further, do not hesitate to contact me directly. I can be reached via telephone at 402-441-7281, or via email at rtast@lincoln.ne.gov.

Best,

/s/ Rick Tast

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